

Bill Number: H.R. 3326
 Account: Air Force—Advance Procurement
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: L-3 Communications Systems
 Address of Requesting Entity: 1 Federal Street, Camden, NJ 08103
 Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$3.0 million for Senior Scout COMINT (Communications Intelligence) Capability Upgrade. As part of the Senior Scout ongoing mission, there is an immediate need to add improved COMINT capability to detect and characterize new, modern, low-power radio signals at extended standoff ranges in the presence of interference. The current systems are not able to detect these specific signal sets, which limits intelligence collection capabilities.

GOD BLESS, THANK YOU AND
 GOOD LUCK, LIEUTENANT COLONEL
 REBECCA LEGGIERI, MILITARY
 FELLOW TO THE 13TH CONGRESSIONAL
 DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

HON. CAROLYN C. KILPATRICK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today to say thank you and wish continued blessings of God upon U.S. Army LTC Rebecca Leggieri. Lieutenant Colonel Leggieri served as a 90-Day Military Fellow in the office in my 13th Congressional District Office of Michigan in Washington, DC, and is due to report to the Pentagon's Office of Public Affairs in a few days as she continues her service to our Nation.

Lieutenant Colonel Leggieri was invaluable in her ability in educating the office about the valued role that America's servicemembers perform every day to protect our freedom. As a mother, Army warrior and patriot, Lieutenant Colonel Leggieri offered a unique perspective on the impact and effect of the decisions that Congress, in general, and the House Appropriations Committee on Defense, in particular. I am proud that, in the United States of America, women who have ability, character and quality can advance to the upper levels of the military as Lieutenant Colonel Leggieri.

Lieutenant Colonel Leggieri was born in Schenectady, New York to Joseph V. Palowich and the late Monica Palowich. She graduated from Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons High School in Schenectady, New York where she excelled at basketball, track and swimming. Today, Lieutenant Colonel Leggieri is still involved in athletics with her children and continues to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Rebecca graduated from Saint Lawrence University in May 1989 with a bachelors of arts degree in English Writing and Government. Lieutenant Colonel Leggieri was a 4-year Army Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) scholarship student at Saint Lawrence University and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Quartermaster Corps upon her graduation from college. She served in command and staff positions in Quartermaster and Logistics units in New York, Virginia, Nebraska and Arkansas before being assigned to Washington, DC. She later earned a masters degree in Public Communications from American University in May 2004.

Rebecca began her career in Army Public Affairs at the Pentagon in 2002 as the Speechwriter for the Chief of the Army Reserve. Lieutenant Colonel Leggieri then served as the Public Affairs and Media Officer at the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy from June 2004 until June 2005. She is currently serving as the Community Relations Public Affairs Officer for the Army's Chief of Public Affairs in the Pentagon.

While Lieutenant Colonel Leggieri has served for the last 3 months on Capitol Hill as an Army Fellow in the Army Congressional Orientation Program, ACOP, and assigned to me, Congresswoman CAROLYN C. KILPATRICK, I have learned much about the contributions of our individual servicemembers and their families. I thank the Secretary of the Army and former Congressman Pete Geren and Army Chief of Staff General George W. Casey, Jr. for this wonderful program that is a tremendous benefit to all Members of Congress.

Lieutenant Colonel Leggieri is also very active in the local community, serving for the past 4 years as Public Relations Chair on the Board of Directors for Coles Little League in Manassas, Virginia.

In thanking and wishing the continued grace of God to Lieutenant Colonel Leggieri, I also extend the same to her family. Rebecca is married to COL John Leggieri, also in the United States Army and from New York State. John and Rebecca were married 16 years ago, on July 24, 1993. They have two children, 14-year-old Olivia, who is entering high school this fall and 11-year-old Gabriel, who will be entering middle school.

Thank you Lieutenant Colonel Leggieri for your continued public service to the people of the 13th Congressional District of Michigan, to our Nation, and to the world. May you, your family and all of America's military have God's continued good grace and infinite blessings.

TRIBUTE TO LTJG EDWIN NORTH

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. CAMP. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to LTJG Edwin North in recognition of the 11 years of honorable service in the United States Navy during and after World War II.

Edwin North started his military career in the U.S. Army ROTC at Michigan State University. In 1943, he decided to join the U.S. Navy where he served with distinction on various ships in the Pacific Theater, including the heavy cruiser USS *Tuscaloosa*. He also served as captain of a Landing Craft Tank, LCT, where amongst his other duties, he ferried sailors, rescued from the sinking of the USS *Indianapolis*, from the USS *Doyle* to the island of Peleliu for treatment. On his LCT he performed other tasks like transporting equipment ship-to-shore, and transporting slave labor survivors, who had been rescued from Japanese capture, from Peleliu Island to resettlement on Koror Island.

In addition, Lieutenant junior grade North served with great honor and distinction in numerous other activities in the Pacific Theater, performing reconnaissance missions and deliveries ship-to-shore on his LCT, mostly in

areas of potential danger to life and craft that were still under Japanese control. In another instance, Lieutenant junior grade North was handpicked to be an observer in the turret of an amphibious PBY observation plane. He performed these duties calmly and courageously, gaining praise for his surveying and observation skills in the midst of a high level of danger while reconnoitering active Japanese emplacements and other potential Naval targets on New Guinea. Lieutenant junior grade North was seriously injured in a fire resulting from the collision of his combat ship with its supply ship. He spent several months in various hospitals recovering from his injuries before returning to duty.

Following his service in the Pacific Theater, Lieutenant junior grade North was assigned stateside to the Great Lakes Naval Training Center near Chicago, Illinois. On January 19, 1954, LTJG Edwin North was honorably discharged from active duty after eleven years of service in the United States Navy. In more recent times, Lieutenant junior grade North served as a volunteer with distinction in the Michigan Governor's Home Guard.

On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Michigan, I am honored today to recognize LTJG Edwin North in gratitude for his eleven years of service to our country. I hope the years to come will bring him health, happiness, and special memories with family and friends. We are thankful for his dedication to this nation, and wish him and his family the best.

CONGRATULATING THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE HOUSE FELLOWS PROGRAM

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the participants of the House Fellows Program. The House Fellows Program, run by the Office of the House Historian, is a unique opportunity for a select group of secondary education American history and government teachers to experience firsthand the inner-workings of Congress. These educators have demonstrated excellence in the classroom, are dedicated to educating our Nation's youth and are truly deserving of our recognition.

One of the goals of the House Fellows Program is to develop curriculum on the history and practice of the House for use in schools. During the program, fellows prepare a brief lesson plan on a congressional topic of their choosing, which is then shared with the other fellows. These plans will become part of a larger teaching resource database on the House. During the school year following their participation in the House Fellows Program, each Fellow is responsible for presenting his or her experience and lesson plans to at least one in-service institute for teachers of history and government.

Since the House Fellows Program began in 2006, 63 teachers from across the country have participated in this innovative program, with 12 more enrolled for this summer. With plans to select a teacher from every congressional district over the next several years, the

House Fellows Program will impact thousands of high school teachers and their students and will energize thousands of students to become informed and active citizens.

As a former U.S. history teacher, I believe strongly in the importance of civic education. We must continue our efforts to get our youth involved in the political process in districts across the country. Educating teachers about the "People's House" is one of the best ways to do that. I congratulate the following educators who are participating in the 7th session of the House Fellows Program:

Ms. Rachel Snell (CAMP, MI-4); Mr. Ronald Hailey (MCDERMOTT, WA-7); Ms. Rosemary Quirk (NEAL, MA-2); Ms. Jennifer S. Venable (BARTON, TX-6); Ms. Cheryl Anderson and Mr. David Martin (LEWIS, GA-5); Ms. La-Shanda West (ROS-LEHTINEN, FL-18); Ms. Rhonda Rush and Ms. Jessica Newman (BACHUS, AL-6); Mr. Michael Feldman (CASTLE, DE-AL); Mr. Don Woods (HALL, TX-4); Mr. George Blackledge (TAYLOR, MS-4).

Madam Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to join me in thanking the Office of the Historian for sponsoring this program. Thanks to Dr. Robert Remini and Dr. Fred Beuttler for their outstanding leadership, and Dr. Thomas Rushford, Dr. Charles Flanagan, Mr. Dave Veenstra, Mr. Anthony Wallis and Mr. Benjamin Hayes for providing the crucial staff support. Thank you also to the Office of the Historian interns: Mr. Maurice Robinson, Mr. Parker Williams, Ms. Kaitlin Utz and Ms. Debbie Kobrin.

HONORING JOHN AND GINNY MCELENEY

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I rise to commend John and Ginny McEleney for their dedication to the City of Clinton and the State of Iowa, and for their leadership in the U.S. auto industry.

John and Ginny McEleney are third generation automobile dealers and their children are continuing this tradition. John became a dealer-operator when he was only 24 years old. Today, he is President of McEleney Autocenter Inc., in Clinton, Iowa, and McEleney Autoplex, Inc., in Iowa City, Iowa.

John is a past chairman of the Iowa Automobile Dealers Association and has served on multiple national dealer councils. In 2003, he was elected to the National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA) Board of Directors and he is currently chairman of the NADA. Over the past months the international auto industry has experienced unprecedented change. Throughout this period John McEleney has been a tireless and effective advocate for his colleagues and the thousands of Americans who work in auto dealerships. He has fought to protect jobs and chart a profitable course for the industry in the future.

The McEleney family and their businesses have made Clinton and communities across Iowa better places to live and work. Madam Speaker, I join the Iowa Automobile Dealers Association, the National Automobile Dealers Association, and the entire Clinton community in thanking John and Ginny McEleney for their generosity and leadership.

NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM EXTENSION ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. LYNN JENKINS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2009

Ms. JENKINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1525, whose language has been incorporated into H.R. 3139.

Agriculture is the lifeblood of the economy in Kansas' 2nd District. Doniphan County, Kansas is home to some of the most fertile farmland in the United States.

The levees along the Missouri River in Doniphan County protect three vital communities, White Cloud, Elwood and Wathena, as well as thousands of acres of farmland.

The 1993 floods devastated these communities and the surrounding farmland. And they should serve as a reminder of the importance of sound floodplain management. H.R. 1525, which I cosponsored with my colleague Representative MATSUI from California, will allow communities, like the ones that I represent in Northeast Kansas, the flexibility to find sources to quickly and efficiently repair levee systems.

I thank my colleague for her leadership on this important legislation. And I encourage the House support its passage.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF CLARENCE "CAL" W. MARSELLA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I am submitting this statement to express congratulations and gratitude to Clarence "Cal" W. Marsella on the occasion of his retirement as General Manager of the Regional Transportation District (RTD).

Under Mr. Marsella's leadership, RTD built partnerships with local, state and federal officials to realize a vision of an innovative public transit system that meets the unique needs of our region.

During his tenure with RTD, Mr. Marsella oversaw the successful completion of three new light rail lines, including the T-REX light rail project that opened November 17, 2006. In 2004 metro area voters overwhelmingly approved the FasTracks transit expansion program for the eight-county metro area. This represents the largest transit-only voter approved program in the United States. With Mr. Marsella's determination, progress on the FasTracks program has moved ahead swiftly, and construction is currently underway on the West Corridor which runs from downtown Denver to Golden, Colorado.

Mr. Marsella began his transportation career in the highway engineering division of the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation in 1974. He now serves on the National Academy of Sciences Transportation Research Board and regularly lectures at the University of Denver and the University of Colorado masters degree programs in Transportation and Public Administration. He also speaks to numerous groups on the benefits

and nuances of public-private partnerships. He was selected by the American Public Transportation Association as the Outstanding Public Transportation Manager in 2006 and, under his leadership, RID was selected as the Outstanding Transportation Agency in North America in 2003 and 2008.

I congratulate and extend my sincere gratitude to Cal Marsella for his service to the Denver region. I wish him continued success and all good fortune in his work ahead.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FAIR HOUSING COMMEMORATION BILL OF 2009

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today I rise to introduce The Fair Housing Commemoration Act of 2009 to commemorate The Fair Housing Act (FHA), enacted in April 1968, the last of the three great civil rights acts of the 1960's, with a monument in the Nation's Capitol. The Fair Housing Commemorative Foundation is raising funds and is working with the National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission (NCMAC) to adhere to the requirements and process established by the Commemorative Works Act of 1986. This may be the first time that a sector of our economy has decided to raise a monument commemorating a statute that regulates some of its practices. The Foundation's precedent is commendable.

Fair housing and the movement to bring equal opportunity in the real estate markets are intertwined with our nation's history. The federal government has both been a part of the problem and an integral part of its solution. Every branch of the federal government has played a key role in our national progress towards fair housing. It is fitting that we commemorate not only the passage of the Fair Housing Act, but also the history of our nation's path towards equal opportunity in housing.

THE NATION'S BEGINNING

The Fifth Amendment to the Constitution establishes a right to own private property that the government cannot take without just compensation. Early immigrants sought a place where they could own and transfer real estate without the arbitrary interference of the government. That right was not universal. Slavery denied basic rights to a whole class of Americans based on race, and reduced some of our people to the subhuman status of property. Among the effects of slavery was the denial of the right to own and use real property.

POST CIVIL WAR

The Civil War and the constitutional amendments ending slavery were accompanied by laws that gave all citizens the same rights as white citizens to own and use real property. The Civil Rights Act of 1866 was our nation's first "fair housing" law. Subsequent years saw that law ignored and severely limited by court decisions, culminating with the philosophy of "separate but equal" in the Plessey v Ferguson case. In addition, Congress and some states passed laws that restricted access to private property ownership and use by Latinos and Asian Americans.

In the early 20th century, social scientists and leaders within the real estate community